(b) whether the report of Staff Inspection Unit are required to be implemented within three months of receipt by the administrative Ministry ;

(c) whether the report of the Staff Inspection Unit has not been implemented so far and the surplus employees are still being retained in the Delhi Milk Scheme ; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take for the early implementation of the report by the Delhi Milk Scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) to (d) The Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) of the Ministry of Finance had conducted a study on the staffing pattern in the Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) and submitted their report in November, 1984. The net effect of the recommendations of SIU report was to render a surplus of 834 posts. Of these, 255 posts have already been abolished. In regard to the remaining, a review of the SIU recommendations has been suggested in the interests of operational efficiency.

Child labour engaged in the firework factories and carpet Industry

1158. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently conducted a survey about the number of child labour engaged in the match and fireworks factories in Sivakasi and the carpet industry in Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) whether any welfare schemes exist for the benefit of such child labour ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARIS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. As part of the child labour projects in Sivakasi and Mirzapur-Bhadohi, surveys of children working in the match industry and the carpet industry have been undertaken by the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh :

(b) and (c) Projects have been taken up under the National Child Labour Policy for the welfare of children working in the match industry in Sivakasi and the carpet industry in Mirzapur-Bhadohi. The projects envisage :

(i) stepping up of the enforcement of laws relating to child labour in the projects areas ;

(ii) focusing of on-going general development programmes of the Government on child labour and their families, and raising the income levels of the child labour families ;

(iii) setting up of special schools in which children withdrawn from employment in these areas will be given non-formal education, vocational training, health care, nutrition etc.;

(iv) raising awareness and social consciousness of the public in general in these areas, regarding the problems of child labour.

Space for D.T.C. Bus Stop in the Zafrabad LIG Colony

1159. SHRI JERLIE. E. TARLANG : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the DDA bas provided the space for DTC bus stop in the Zafrabad LIG Colony, Delhi ; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b) Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus stops are part of right of way on a road and the same are required to be provided by Delhi Transport Corporation. Delhi Development Authority is not to provide any space for the bus stop.

Accidents in Coal Mines :

1160. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Coal Mines Trade Unions have expressed serious concern over increased accident rate in coal mines despite Government's asurances to the contrary (F.E. 26-3-89); and

(b) whether the number of accidents in open coal mines has also reached alarming proportion due to failure of safety regulations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The number of fatal and serious accidents in the open cast coal mines and in all coal mines during the last five years is given below:—

Year	Number of fatal accidents		Number of serious accidents	
	Open cast Coal Mines	All Coal Mines (including open cast coal mines)	Open cast coal mines	All Coal Mines (including open cast coal mines)
1984	27	160	46	1,196
1985	22	176	52	1,007
1986	27	180	51	1,167
1987	27	162	33	910
1988* . . .	27	160	35	790

*Provisional

It may be seen from the above Table that while the number of fatal accidents in open cast coal mines has remained static during the last few years, the number of serious accidents in these mines has declined. The figures of fatal and serious accidents in the coal mines taken together have also declined during the last two years.

The Seventh Conference on Safety in Mines held on 19th and 20th December, 1988 made several recommendations for improving the status of safety in open cast mines. These recommendations related to framing of (i) a Code of Traffic for regulating the movement of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery, (ii) a Code of Pratice for prevention of injuries to persons engaged in tipping on stock piles, dumping of overburden at dump yards, at loading points etc., (iii) Codes of Practice for (a) dealing with fires, (b) laying down the design and maintenance of haul roads, (c) drawing up and implementing schemes for proper maintenance, repair,